Review and updation of Government Policy is an on going process for bringing it in tune with the emerging needs of the economy. Efforts are made to evolve a consensus on major economic issues through tripartite consultations.

Bill for unorganised workers

†1288. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Bill proposed to be introduced for the protection of labourers of unorganised sector-has been withheld by Government due to the objections of the Ministry of Finance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government are neglecting the interests of the workers; and

(d) what further steps Government are taking in the interest of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) A proposal to enact a legislation of Unorganised Sector Workers is still under consideration of the Government.

Welfare fund for Unorganised Workers

1289. DR. ABRAR AHMED:

SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of

LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Welfare Fund for some categories of unorganised labour;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the amount disbursed and labourers helped during the last two years, year-wise;

(c) whether some other kind of social security cover is also available to the unorganised workers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir. Government have set up five

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Welfare Funds for beedi, cine and certain categories of non-coal mines (limestone, dolomite, mica, iron ore, manganese ore and chrome ore mines) workers.

(b) Various benefits are provided to the workers covered under these welfare funds in the areas of health care, assistance for education of children, water supply, housing and recreational facilities. Further, the beedi and cine workers are also covered under Group Insurance Scheme. About 40 lakh beedi workers, 0.64 lakh cine workers and about 0.80 lakh non-coal mine workers are covered under these schemes. A statement indicating expenditure during the last two years under these welfare funds is enclosed. *(See* below)

(c) and (d) The unorganised sector workers are also provided social security from various other schemes like National Social Assistance Programme consisting the schemes for old age pension, family benefit and maternity benefit, Janshree Bima Yojna. Recently, the Government has launched Universal Health Insurance Scheme and Varishth Pension Bima Yojna, which will cover the unorganised sector workers also. Further, some of the State Governments are also implementing welfare programmes for a few categories of unorganised sector workers.

Statement

The funds and the amount disbursed therefrom during the last two years

Name of the Fund	2001-2002	2002-2003
Beedi Workers Welfare Fund	5,33,086	6,58,210
Limestone & Dolomite Mines Labour Welfare Fund	61,805	62,249
Iron Ore Mines, Manganese Ore Mines & Chrome Ore Mines Labour Welfare Fund	89,204	79,570
Mica Mines Labour Welfare Fund	14,241	12,509
Cine Workers Welfare Fund	5,144	5,437
TOTAL:	7,03,480	8,17,975